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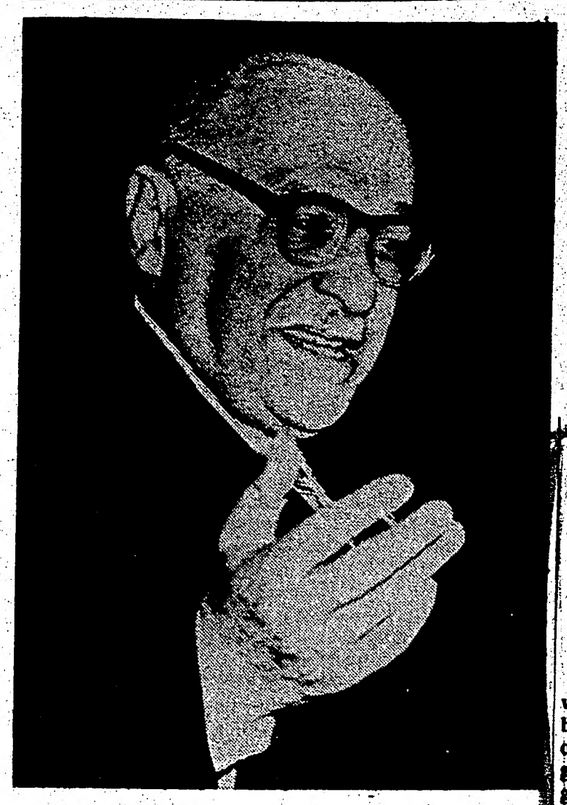

Israeli President Zalman Shazar evaluates his meeting with Pope Paul VI in special interview with JCNS — CJN correspondent Francis Ofner.

SHAZAR TO CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS:

CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUE ON; IT WILL GROW IN SIGNIFICANCE

AFTER THE RABBIS' CONFERENCE

GOVERNMENT MAY SEND DELEGATION TO USSR

Ottawa, (CJN).—Mr. Marvin Gelber, Toronto MP will be appointed as a member of a special parliamentary group which the Canadian government plans to assign to investigate conditions in Russia. — This exclusive information was obtained by The Canadian Jewish News, following the Rabbinical Conference held last week here.

Mr. Gelber recently made an impressive speech on the limitations placed in the path of observant Jews in the Soviet Union. In fact, the Hon. Paul Martin, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, publicly praised the Torontonian for his parliamentary speech on the denial of religious rights to Soviet Jewry.

(The full text of the important address by Mr. Martin on Jews in Russia is printed on Page 4).

WANTS INTERFAITH ACTION

Toronto rabbis, Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg and Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger played an important role at the all Canada Rabbinic Conference held here last week.

The eminent Montreal spiritual leader, Rabbi Dr. Henry J. Stern who commented upon Mr. Martin's address, demanded more action to help Russian Jews regain their religious freedom. Rabbi Stern told Mr. Martin i.e.:

". . . This is indeed a trying hour for three million Jews of the Soviet Union. Again we Jews are made to walk the Via Dolorosa. — We are being crucified again and again.

"Silence in the face of injustice is criminal. Let us not be guilty of what happened during the Nazi onslaught on the Jewish people when ..so ..many in lands of democracy and democratic govern m e n t s themselves failed to speak up. We must now in your phraseology, Honorable Sir, move forward to action and we must organize an interfaith protest which will include Christians and Jews and all lovers of liberty and human freedom, against a policy of discrimination and terror which is made manifest in the Soviet Union against the Jewish people."

ZAMBROWSKY PROTESTS

The Rabbinic Conference, the first of its kind to be held in Canada, was attended by more than sixty Jewish religious leaders from every major community across Canada. The conference was held under the aegis of the National Religious Welfare Committee of Congress, stated that "the Rabbis' interest is purely human and brotherly". He pointed out that he was sorry that "the Russian Embassy did not see fit to receive a rabbinic delegation." He further stated that he was astounded by a letter received from the Russian Embassy implying that "the subject which the conference proposes to discuss is of an artificial and obviously tendentious character".

APPEAL TO USSR

The conference directed an appeal to the Soviet Union for a redress of the situation and asked the Canadian Government to use its good offices with the Soviet Union to improve the lot of Russian Jewry. It was suggested that prayer meetings be held in all major Canadian Jewish communities for Soviet Jews.

Marvin Gelber, Liberal MP for Toronto may become member of Canadian delegation to Russia.

The conference was opened with a prayer led by Rabbi B. Goldzweig of Montreal.

ISRAELI PRESIDENT SAYS HE STRESSED JEWISHNESS WHEN ADDRESSING POPE

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) — Last weeks two brief meetings between Pope Paul VI and President Zalman Shazar — one when the Pope arrived at Megiddo and the other when the Pontiff departed through Jerusalem's Mandelbaum Gate — were sufficient for the Pope to leave a deep impression of his "spiritual delicacy, radiant fatherliness, gallant humanity and living mysticism" upon the mind of the President of Israel.

Revealing this in an exclusive interview with Francis Ofner, CJN — JCNS correspondent in Israel, President Shazar said he had the feeling that the Pope was as aware of the historic significance of their meeting for Christianity as was the President aware of its significance for Judaism. Regretting the short time allotted their encounter, Mr. Shazar observed, however, that "like a river which increases its thrust when narrowed, I felt compelled to condense our spiritual position in a few counted minutes".

Expressing his full awareness of the deep significance of their meeting, the President told Ofner (Canadian Jewish News — JCNFS correspondent):

"I knew I was there not only as the President of Israel. With me, standing there, were all the generations of our long past, those of our ancient glory and those who suffered, were humiliated, persecuted and massacred."

"HERZL STOOD WITH ME "

Shazar continued:

"Herzl stood with me in Megiddo and in Jerusalem, and so did Sokolow; and so, too, did my father and grandfather. And the twelve million Jews of today were also present. I felt that I spoke in the name of all of them when I quoted the Prophet Micah and said: 'Let every nation walk in the name of its god; and we in the name of the Lord our God, for ever.'

"I stressed the 'forever' to indicate that this was not a mere passing, temporary attitude." He chose this Biblical passage, explained the President, because it expressed Judaism's ancient doctrine of coexistence — the only way to that peace which the Pontiff so ardently desired.

He had also felt, he explained, that he must mention the European holocaust. He spoke of it "in its meaning of a bitter warning, illustrating what can happen if ancient prejudices and racial hatreds are not damned in time."

Mr. Shazar confessed that he expected "nothing tangible" to result from his meeting with the head of the Roman Catholic Church. What he did foresee was "a relationship of mutual respect and understanding as well as the absence of hostile or unfriendly feelings on either side. I believe that a most important fact has been established and, as time passes, it will grow in its importance, provided that we continue to preserve our identity. Without Statehood we may fall back again to an unequal and humiliating position.

"I came out of my meeting with the Pope", concluded the President "a better Zionist and a better Jew, more deeply rooted in our heritage".

PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS FOR A JEWISH REPRESENTATION ON THE EDUCATION COUNCIL

MONTREAL (Special) — Leaders of the Protestant school system in the Province of Quebec have decided to back the nomination of a Jewish member to the Superior Council of Education, to be established under the proposed new Quebec Education Act.

The decision was made known last week to the Canadian Jewish Congress by Dr. David Munroe, chairman of the Protestant committee of the present Council of Education. He said his committee had adopted a formal resolution on the subject which was conveyed to the Minister of Youth, M. Paul Gerin-Lajoie.

The resolution stated that "The Protestant Committee endorses an amendment to Bill 60 providing for the appointment of a Jewish member to the Superior Council of Education, provided that Bill 60 be further amended to ensure that one-third of the members of such Council be composed of non-Catholic representation."

The new Education Act is to be presented to the Quebec Legislative at its session which began Tuesday January 14. Now that both Protestant and Catholic spokesmen have come out in support of the nomination of a Jewish member to the new Educational Council it is more likely that the Quebec Legislative will endorce the Jewish request.

DR. KUGELMASS TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Sol Kugelmass, head of the Department of Psychology at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will be guest speaker at a public meeting on Monday, January 20th, sponsored by the Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Kugelmass' topic will be: Israel's Newcomers — Blessing or Burden?

Cairo Conference Creates War Scare

LONDON (JCNS) — In the view of competent Israeli observers, there is no getting away from the fact that the underlying purpose of the Cairo conference, which began on January 13, is to create a war psychosis about Israel's water project, the JCNS diplomatic correspondent writes.

The Arabs are working on the assumption that once world opinion realises there is a real danger of an Israeli-Arab war the whole issue will be put before the United Nations.

There, at the scene of Israel's recent total isolation on the refugee issue, the Arabs would expect both settle their differences peaceably and to refrain from provocative acts — in which they would include completion of Israel's water project. Whether Western Governments fall as completely for this manoeuvre as some Western commentators appear to have done remains to be seen.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

Emancipation Of The Rabbi

Last week at the historic first, all-Canadian, rabbinic conference in Ottawa (convened, thanks to the initiative of the Canadian Jewish Congress), a new problem of public relations emerged. In my opinion, this problem overshadows the purpose of the conference: to organize public support for alleviating the present sufferings of religious Jews in the Soviet Union.

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Toronto's Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, who played an important role at the closed meetings of this — and I don't hesitate to repeat — historic rally, sensed this problem as, at the same time, he rightly evaluated the significance of the meeting of more than sixty rabbis from across Canada, disregarding the frontiers of so-called denominations.

No matter what the future brings, the ice has been broken — Conservative, Reform and Orthodox rabbis deliberated together on the situation prevailing in the Soviet Union.

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky of Montreal deserves recognition for his initiative to bring rabbis of different persuasions to one meeting. I predict they will meet again — together — on other issues; they must.

The rabbis also discovered that what unites them — what the Tanya defines as the spark within each Jew, the sense of solidarity, the dedication to overall Jewish concern for physical survival — is much greater than the elements which divide them in the realm of spiritual and religious differences of opinion and practice. When, during one of his addresses, Dr. Rosenberg hinted at this necessity for continuous rabbinical summit meetings, I am sure he was not considering only the problem on the agenda but the beginning of an all-Canadian, all-denominational assembly of Jewish spiritual leaders.

I also feel that Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, another Torontonian who impressed his confrères by his Harvard logic and enthusiasm for Klal Israel, shares the same hopes for continuous and continuing effort on the part of Canadian rabbis in the direction of promoting Jewish public relations in the most sublime sense of the word.

Dr. Rosenberg suggested that, even though a relationship between the Canadian Jewish Congress and a rabbinical organization of this kind should be encouraged — in fact, such liaison is necessary —, he does not favor the official patronage by Congress in this rabbinical demarche. Rabbis should be independent in any undertaking.

Moreover, an opinion is prevalent in Ottawa that, had the Canadian rabbis approached the Soviet embassy without any connection with a lay organization, the Russian envoy would have received them.

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On the North American Jewish scene, the problem of the relations between rabbinical organizations and lay groups in community life is on the agenda. Recently in New York, for example, Dr. Nahum Goldmann resented the fact that the rabbinical organizations had ignored him when they discussed certain vital matters.

In my estimation, the rabbis were right. The rabbi on this continent ought finally to take the initiative for the emancipation of our spiritual leadership from the dictates of the ladies-auxiliary in the local synagogue and the president of any Jewish group on the national and international level. It is the rabbi, the spiritual leader, who should begin to lead — courageously, fearlessly — in order to reestablish the authority of Torah in the life of our people whose source of inspiration and secret of survival forever will remain The Book.

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I am not so sure that Chief Rabbi Itzhaq Nissim was completely right in ignoring the advice of the government during the pilgrimage of the Pope to the Holy Land. However, he certainly was justified on one issue: that protocol demanded the Pope's recognition of the spiritual leader of the mother of all monotheistic religions. But, right or wrong in his decision, I favor his independence from the advice of the government. He proclaimed the separation of Church and State in a most eloquent manner. A religion which bows to the dictates of the best government becomes transformed into a priesthood subjected to a king — a prophet taking orders from a ruler.

NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO ADDRESS TORONTONIANS

Gershon Avner, Israel's newly-appointed Ambassador to Canada, will be the guest of honour at the Advance Gifts dinner of the 1964 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, it was announced this week by Theodore D. Richmond, campaign chairman.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 6. p.m. in the Gold Room of the Park Plaza Hotel.

Gershon Avner, new Israeli Ambassador to Canada.

"We will be proud to welcome Mr. Avner, a seasoned diplomat, to Toronto for this first important dinner of the 1964 campaign," Mr. Richmond stated. "Holding the Advance Gifts event traditionally means that all preliminary arrangements have been made and the UJA campaign is underway. I am confident that the dinner, as well as the entire campaign, will be successful."

Serving on the Advance Gifts Committee with Mr. Richmond are Stephen E. Berger, Alex G. Fisher, John D. Fienberg, Harold Gross, Mark A. Levy, Maxwell S. Lewis, Q. C., Abbey Lipson, Louis Lokash, Stan Smith, Samuel J. Sable, Harry Solomon, H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Jack Van Der Hout, Noel Zeldin and Samuel Zeldin.

Ambassador Avner was the Israeli envoy to Norway for the last two years, and served previously as the first alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly. He also has been director of the West European Division and director of the United States Division of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs; counselor of the Israel Embassy in London; and charge d'affaires at Budapest and at Sofia.

In making the announcement, Mr. Richmond pointed out that three years of peak rescue immigration to Israel has brought in its wake much human suffering. He said the immigration represents "a brilliant achievement on the part of the Toronto and world-wide Jewish community which provided most of the money for the influx. However, the brilliance of Israel's achievements should not blind us to the human suffering that has accompanied some of the immigration."

The process of absorbing the newcomers, Mr. Richmond continued, has fallen far behind the pace of immigration. "Of primary concern," he stated, "is the shortage of decent housing. More than 30,000 families each with five to eight persons, are crammed into one-and-a-half room apartments. But they are fortunate, compared with the thousands who still live in tar paper shacks and temporary houses made of asbestos siding.

"This unsatisfactory housing situation carries far-reaching implications for mental and social health. Young immigrants have no corner—except the street. Young married couples continue to live with their parents. If these and many other resulting social problems are not remedied, they will mar the basis of real democracy in Israel."

TORONTO LEADERS MEET FOR AID PLANNING:—Among those Torontonians who attended the UJA Top Gifts committee meeting on Sunday at the Primrose Club were (seated, left to right): John D. Fienberg; H. Wayne Tanenbaum; Jack Van Der Hout and Harold Gross. Standing, left to right are: Samuel J. Sable; Stephen E. Berger; Mark A. Levy; Theodore D. Richmond, 1964 UJA campaign chairman; Harry Solomon, associate chairman; and Alex G. Fisher. New plans for mobilizing the community for Jewish solidarity were formulated

MAN IN THE NEWS

by OSCAR BERSON

New German Consul In Toronto, Former Concentration Camp Inmate

One dreary morning in 1943, the Gestapo knocked at the door of the home of an inconspicuous business administrator of the Diesel Motors factory in Augsburg, Bavaria.

This occurred during the period when the infernal Nazi death machine which fed the Moloch of Auschwitz was at its busiest. Daily thousands upon thousands of Jews were transported like cattle to the extermination camps. The entire state apparatus of what was then Europe's most powerful nation was engaged in a maniacal plan to destroy an imaginary enemy of the German people: the Jew.

Within Germany, especially in Bavaria, the Nazis were faced with the first symptoms of resistance to the devil in power. A group of university students, Die Weisse Rose, had begun some underground activities against Hitler's policies. Their leader was a teacher of philosophy, Prof. K. Huber.

Several days before that morning in question, Hans and Sophie Scholl, a pair of brilliant youngsters of 25 and 22 respectively, had been executed, together with Prof. Huber, for the heinous crime of distributing anti-Nazi literature at the university.

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The man at whose door the Gestapo knocked, a judge and jurist of renown, had been dismissed six years earlier from one of the highest posts in Bavaria for lack of trustworthiness and for his unwillingness to co-operate with the state in personal matters.

A "pure Aryan", he had committed two crimes, according to the German code of that time: he had the temerity to marry a Jewess after Hitler assumed power; then, when he was given another "chance" — by being allowed to divorce his wife and repent — he had the impertinence to refuse. Of course the Nazis could never trust him again: they made sure, as early as January 1, 1937, to dismiss him from his position as senior judge of the Court of Nuremberg.

But that particular morning the Gestapo was not ready yet to apprehend this man, Dr. Werner E. Oppel. They had come for his Jewish mother-in-law, an unobtrusive, middle-aged widow of a Munich high school teacher. They asked for Mrs. Leberman. Fortunately they could not find her then. However, the Gestapo was efficient: they finally caught up with her, and she, who all her life had considered herself a loyal German and had brought up her children to love their Fatherland, was deported first to Theresienstand and then to Auschwitz, where she met with the tragic fate of millions of other "enemies of the Reich."

West Germany's new Consul General in Toronto, DR. WERNER E. OPPEL, with wife and daughter.

I observed closely Dr. Oppel — the former German judge of distinction who now is the new Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Toronto — while he related these and other incidents in his life.

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A man of profound culture, of innate, diplomatic manners, Dr. Oppel's face becomes transformed when he speaks of these dark days in his country. At moments he appears sullen. One can detect anguish, but then the defiance of men who dared shines through.

Dr. Werner E. Oppel, who has not as yet reached his sixtieth birthday, has lived many lives despite his relative youth.

He himself was a concentration camp inmate. In 1944, the Gestapo finally decided: despite the fact that Dr. Oppel was no longer a judge, that he was only an employee of a machine factory — he was dangerous to the regime. He was arrested and sent to Buchenwald. Hence Dr. Oppel became a graduate of this institution without parallel in human history, the Nazi concentration camp. (A famous French writer defined this diabolical realm, le monde concentrationnaire. One who was in this world will remember it for as long as he lives.)

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Because Dr. Oppel is a former concentration camp inmate (he was liberated by the Allied Armies in 1945), I asked him candidly whether he does not consider the present judiciary in Germany unfair. After all, the new German Consul General in Toronto is a jurist by training. In 1945 he had been reinstated as judge, then, in 1949, was appointed vice president of the District Court in Augsberg.

The Consul absolutely does not. In fact, he stresses the dedicated effort by the West German government to track down and punish all guilty of crimes against humanity.

The German government operates a special Office for the Prosecution of Nazi Crimes at Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgard. Many cases are tried. This Office, in fact, has investigated already between a thousand and twelve - hundred - fifty persons. But in some cases, difficulty arises when a witness refuses to testify.

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Dr. Oppel and his Jewish-born wife, the former Ilse Lebermann, survived the war. He is not sorry that he refused the Nazi request to divorce her. They have a lovely daughter, Ingeborg thirty years old, who is married to an American. Ingeborg teaches English at the University of Colorado.

Dr. and Mrs. Oppel, proud grandparents, have just returned from their New Year's vacation with their daughter and her family.

letters to the editor

How they see us: "World Over" on Canadian Jewry

by B. LEAHSON

The "story of Canadian Jewry" is the theme of the current issue of World Over, a magazine distributed to Jewish schools and Talmud Torahs.

The article is well illustrated but its usefulness is marred by an abundance of errors which, while minor when taken separately, add up to a considerable fund of misinformation.

Here is a sample: "There are no public schools in Quebec: the schools in Montreal are all church schools, owned and run either by the Catholic church or by the Protestant churches."

It is erroneous to describe the Catholic and Protestant schools of Montreal as 'owned and run" by the respective churches. The churches have no possession or control of these schools and though they are Protestant and Catholic — they are not linked to the church or churches. (The Catholic and Anglican churches both conduct their own schools but these are purely private and, even though in Quebec, receive no government funds).

Metro Toronto's Jewish population is counted as 83,000 though the official census figure is 88,000 (true, a minor error).

The writer refers to an article on Toronto Jewry written in the Mail and Empire of 1902. He must mean the article written five years before, in 1897. He states that it refers to two large synagogues: the Holy Blossom and the Beth Tzedec. The Beth Tzedec received its present name in the 1950's and even its predecessor, the Goel Tzedec, was not a large synagogue neither in 1902 nor in 1897, nor was it mentioned in the said article.

Among the illustrations is one of the old Goel Tzedec structure on University Avenue which the cut-line describes as "it looked in the late 19th century". Hardly possible, since the building was not erected until 1905.

The number of Reform temples in Canada is given as ten. The Canadian Council of Reform Synagogues would like to know where the other two are. They count eight.

The transposing of cut-lines of S.W. Jacobs, the Montreal parliamentarian, and Solomon Jacobs, the Toronto rabbi, is a commonplace type of error common to editors and need occasion no special censure.

It is unfortunate that this special issue on Canadian Jewry was peppered with so many misstatements. The Canadian Jewish Congress, we note, was not among the sources of information listed. Perhaps the editors approached the wrong sources.

We hope the next Canadian issue will be more thoroughly and carefully prepared.

Deplores Bias In Book Review

Dear Editor:

With great interest and satisfaction I read the literary supplement in the December 20th issue of The Canadian Jewish News. I daresay it added further perspective to your wonderful and informative newspaper. But this praise, I feel, must be paired with some constructive criticism.

I was surprised by some comments in the review of Dr. Plaut's book, The Rise of Reform Judaism. The reviewer, Rabbi J. I. Schochet, managed to smuggle into the paper a thinly disguised, vicious attack against a large segment of Reform Judaism.

I do not think it is to the credit of Orthodoxy when some militant fundamentalists propagate separatism and reject any coexistence with fellow-demonstrations which do not happen to be according to their liking. In these ecumenical days when creeds, races and religions seek for better mutual understanding and more unison, this is a most deplorable phenomenon. If Roman Catholics can discuss Christian unity with denominations which are so far removed from their own dogmas, why cannot Orthodox Jews seek and accept unity with their own brethren who are of their own faith? Does the golden rule of the Torah exclude brothers and sisters?

This age is no longer one for narrow minded chauvinism. The reviewer, and those who think as he, should realize that educated and progressive minded people nowadays cannot accept their blind bigotry. Today's minds go out for unity. Name calling, as in the review — that Reform Judaism, is senseless, pseudo-theology, escapism, lawless Karaism — belongs to the dark ages and not to an enlightened space age.

Downsview

A. Rosenberg

Praises The News

Dear Editor:

. . . The Canadian Jewish News is very interesting. I read it always with great attention. I extend every best wish.

New York City

Joseph L. Lichten, Director
Department of Intercultural Affairs,
Anti-Defamation League, B.B.

MONTREAL SYNAGOGUES

SHAARE ZION

● **Rabbi W. Shuchat** of **Shaar Hashomayim Congregation** will be speaker on the Board of Jewish Ministers weekly radio programs during January, over Station CJAD, Sunday mornings at 8:45 o'clock.

● **The Men's Club** will present a program of films for the children of the Congregation and their friends on Sunday afternoon, January 19th, 1:30 p.m. Favors and door prizes will be distributed.

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● The newly appointed board of directors for 1964 are. **H. A. Abelson; A. Ballington; H. Barkun; C. Basevitz; J. Bloomberg; I. Brown; M. Browns; H. Charney; A. Dalfen; C. H. Dolansky; Ald. P. Fainer; Jos. N. Frank; M. Gameroff; A. Gelber. I. Gepner; M. Greenblatt; M. Gruber; M. F. Liebman; S. Lipson; J. I. Nadler; J. Y. Nadler; D. Pik; A. Pinsky; Dr. H. Rosenfeld; M. Rothstein; M. Rudner; J. Sailer; A. Schwartz; Morris Schwartz; R. Springer; H. A. Starr; B. M. Sternthal; D. I. Strohl; Z. Weisz. J. L. Waxman; E. Woloz; Sh. Yaphe; M. Zalman.**

● The following auxiliaries of the Congregation also have representation on the board of directors, The Sisterhood, the Men's Club and the Home-School Association. In addition to these, **Mrs. S. W. Weber Q. C.**, honorary solicitor for the Congregation, is a member of the Board.

This year the Boys' Sabbath will be on Saturday, January 25th. Hazzanim for this particular morning will be **Morton Weinfeld, Michael Krupp, Simon Jegher, Richard Ross.** The following will participate in the reading of the Torah: **Berl Shetzer, Simon Jegher, Gerald Wexler, Jack Gepner, Zev Hershtal, Harold Berglas, Ernest Horsky, Lazar Gluck, Robert Weiss, Mark Rabinovitz.** The Haphtora will be read by **Irwin Liebman.**

MEN'S CLUB — Plans are under way for a joint breakfast and lecture meeting with the Sisterhood to take place Sunday, January 19th.

HASHOMAYIM

The Sisterhood will mark the fifty-seventh anniversary of the National Women's League at a special Sabbath Dedication Service and Kiddush on Saturday, January 18th. The National Women's League is an affiliate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the United Synagogue of America and is devoted to the co-operative efforts of numerous Sisterhoods across the Continent. Founded by the wife of the unforgettable Solomon Schechter, the National Women's League is giving cultural, educational and organizational leadership worthy of recognition on Sisterhood Sabbath.

The P.T.A. of Shaar Hashomayim will hold an open meeting on Monday, January 20th at 8:15 p.m. in the Community Hall. The meeting will be addressed by **Mr. Gershon Jacobson** on the topic "The Ecumenical Council and the Jews". Mr. Jacobson is a brilliant speaker, a prolific writer and a crusading correspondent of the Day-Jewish Journal. President of the P.T.A. is **Mrs. Sam Kaplan**; programme chairman is **Mrs. Paul Paris**; publicity, **Mrs. M. Charneks.**

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AUTOMOTIVE GROUP LEADERS for Toronto's 1964 United Jewish Appeal campaign are, left to right: Sydney Greenwald, Avrom Buck, Carl Fenwick and Joseph Lunenfeld. Also serving as co-chairman is Morris P. Levy.

Music Festival Kitchener, Ont.

In keeping with the tradition of the observance of Jewish Music Month, the Beth Jacob Sisterhood of Kitchener will sponsor a Jewish Music Festival Concert at the Theater of the Arts at the University of Waterloo, on Sunday evening, 8:30 p.m., this coming Sunday, January 19th.

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TORONTO UJA REPORTER

news about people and events

● Brokers and financiers will have an opportunity to get the low down on Provincial Government attitude when John Robert Kimber, Q.C., chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, will speak at a dinner of their UJA group on Wednesday, January 22, at the Primrose Club.

● Mr. Kimber, appointed a Queen's Counsel just this month, is a graduate of Osgoode Hall and the University of Toronto Law School, and a Master of the Supreme Court of Ontario... An enthusiastic group of workers has put in much time and effort to make this dinner a success.

● Albert Allison and Albert Waxer, who held the top spots in the 1963 Brokers campaign, have been joined as co-chairmen this year by William Pape, Nathan Sandler and Morris Wortzman...

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● The Hebrew language, which has undergone considerable modernization during the past fifteen years has had another new word added to it — "asbestonim"... the word refers to the crudely built houses of asbestos siding which have been hurriedly erected to accommodate the massive rescue immigration of the past three years. ...Asbestonim are occupied now by an estimated 25,000 new Israelis and the figure goes higher every month... Although they provide little more than four walls and a roof, they still are far better than the tents, tar paper shacks and tin huts that were the only shelter for thousands of earlier immigrants, and in which some 20,000 still live... Funds from the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto will help to build decent housing for these newcomers to Israel.

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● **Members of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto, which is a beneficiary of the Toronto UJA campaign, believe in the old saw that the Lord helps them who help themselves... Some 25 students gathered at the Hillel House this week to launch their own campaign on behalf of the 1964 United Jewish Appeal, a drive which has become a part of their annual program of activities... Heading the collegians are Myra Goldhar and Mrs. Warren (Ronnie) Lefton... There are captains for every year in each faculty of the University, as well as in the other colleges and institutions of higher learning in the Metropolitan Toronto area... Hundreds of students are contacted every year and pledges last year reached a record high of $1,700, almost double the amount raised in the previous year.**

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● A recent ORT meeting in New York was given some disturbing news by Max A. Braude, director-general of that international vocational training organization, (which receives funds from the Toronto UJA through United Jewish Relief Agencies)...

He reported that thousands of recent applicants for places in ORT vocational schools in France and Israel had to be turned away because of a lack of funds... He also said that enrolment in all ORT training services had risen between 6,000 and 7,000 over a year ago, a jump of 25-30%... Despite massive emigration in several areas there have been no fall-offs in the numbers receiving instruction anywhere in ORT's far-flung education system which covers 22 countries.

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● The B'nai B'rith UJA campaign, entering its second year, will move into the second phase with a meeting on Thursday, January 16, at the Primrose Club of the presidents and communal chairmen of the Toronto lodges... Avrum I. Posluns, a member of Aaron Hart Lodge, is chairman of the B'nai B'rith UJA Committee for the 1964 drive... He is treasurer of Superior Acceptance Corporation and a member of Oakdale Golf and Country Club and Holy Blossom Temple.

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● A statistic recently reported by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in Ottawa will be of special interest to the Toronto Jewish community... It is that a total of 728 Jewish immigrants entered Canada during the third quarter of 1963, making the total number of Jewish immigrants who arrived during the first nine months of last year 1,581... Inasmuch as roughly 45% of all Jewish immigrants settle in Toronto, this would mean that for the first three-quarters of 1963 the Jewish population here was swelled by more than 700 from immigration alone... Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, has the job of assisting these newcomers from the time they leave their native land until they reach Toronto.

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● The Automotive Group let

AVRUM I. POSLUNS

out the clutch on its 1964 campaign last week when 16 men from various phases of the industry gathered for an organizational meeting at the Primrose Club... Leading the campaign are Avrom Buck, Carl Fenwick, Sydney Greenwald, Morris P. Levy and Joseph Lunenfeld... This is a well-balanced five some, with Avrom, Carl and Joe repeating as co-chairmen and Syd and "Pep" being newcomers to the leadership circle... The group is pointing toward its annual "Victory" dinner-dance at the Northwood Golf and Country Club on March 21, a highlight of the social season.

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● **Anyone who didn't read reports of United Nations' Secretary-General U Thant's recent speech at Columbia University missed an ominous prediction... U Thant took the unusual step of warning that 1964 will be a crucial year for the UN and an especially troublesome period for the Middle East... He pointed out, "The overall outlook in the Middle East today is threatening, and I am very much afraid that there will be more than one occasion in 1964 when Middle Eastern problems will engage the attention of the United Nations"... Although he did not identify the problems, it was apparent he was referring to possible Arab action against Israel if she diverts water from the Jordan to irrigate the Negev desert... Israel has said she will do this in the Spring.**

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● Morris Ackerman has been re-apponted chairman of the Metropolitan Division for the 1964 UJA campaign, it was announced by Theodore D. Richmond, campaign chairman... Mr. Ackerman headed last year's Metro Campaign, in which telephone canvassing was introduced for the first time, and he also served as co-chairman of the 1962 Metro effort... President of Ontario Paint and Wallpaper Company, he is a member of the Shaarei Shomayim congregation board of governors and chairman of its fund-raising committee, and treasurer of the synagogue's Brotherhood.

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A MODEL COMMUNITY

Last week the Jewish community of Ottawa was host to the all-Canadian conference of rabbis. All participants in this conference were impressed by the remarkable and efficient organization provided by the local Jewish community headed by Hy Bessin. In the background, working day and night in making the guests feel at home, was indefatigable Jewish Community Center director, Hy Hochberg.

The conference concluded with a public meeting at which Rabbis Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger and Yiddish columnist, B. Z. Goldberg, eloquently discussed the problem of Russian Jewry. The fact that, in a community of more than a thousand families over six hundred people filled the hall to hear such a topic discussed, is a credit to this Kehillah and makes it a model of Jewish community organization on the continent.

Usually we refrain from discussing editorially such local events and personalities. But it was the concensus of opinion of all who took part in the Ottawa conference that the Ottawa Jewish community is a model community indeed. We wish to emphasize this feeling for the record.

POSTSCRIPT

AFTER THE PAPAL PILGRIMAGE

Paris' leading newspaper, **Le Monde**, in its resume of the papal visit to Israel and Jordan, states editorially:

"The Pope seems to have been cautious not to intervene in the Middle East quarrel, but one does not have to speculate upon the meaning of his diverse statements as, for example, his 'Shalom' to President Shazar, in order to assume that he considers the existence of Israel an accomplished fact, and that he, together with the big powers, desires a stabilization of this region which must bring about the establishment of a durable peace."

Le Monde, which is very close to the Vatican, also reports with emphasis Paul VI's declaration that he renders to the religion of the God of Abraham his wishes for peace and justice. Says Le Monde:

"One cannot forget, the Pope reaffirmed, the role that the People of the Covenant has played in the religious history of humanity".

The Quebec daily, L'Action, comented:

"The Vicar of Rome returned to pray at the very Sources of prayer . . . Between Jews and Catholics . . . a new era has opened . . ."

The New York Times' Dana Adams Schmidt reported:

The visit of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land was nonpolitical. The Pope said so, and so did King Hussein. Nonetheless, it left political traces to which King Hussein proved particularly sensitive.

The King sent his Foreign Minister, Antoun Attallah, by car from Amman, Jordan's capital, to Jerusalem with a message to the Pope. The King and some of his ministers had been listening to the radio and had been dismayed by the Pope's mention in his farewell to the Israeli President, Zalman Shazar, of "the Holy Land" as though it were identical with the modern state of Israel.

While the Jordanians were sure the Pope had not meant to imply any such thing, they felt that millions of people reading or hearing the Pope's words might be misled. They hoped he would try to correct this impression, since most of the land of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the land of the Prophets, and the land where Jesus was born, was baptized and died actully is situated within the borders of the state of Jordan.

The Foreign Minister succeeded by telephone in rousing one of the associates of the Vatican Secretary of State, Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, and conveying the Jordanian misgivings.

Although the Pope made no direct comment on the Jordanian remonstrances, he did in his farewell speech to King Hussein work in a reference to "the Holy Land" that applied to Jordan. In a radio message from his plane he again mentioned the "Holy Land" in this sense.

The Pope's aides pointed out that the Pontiff was prevented earlier from talking about the Holy Land as it applies to Jordan by the overenthusiastic crowd that swept away all official preparations at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem and made it impossible for the Pope to deliver his speech or to pray at the Stations of the Cross, Christ's path to the Crucifixion.

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But there was no escaping another act, which Foreign Minister Attallah did not mention, namely that the Pope had in all his statements clearly recognized the modern state of Israel as the successor to the Biblical Israel. This was in the opinion of some observers more significant than would be diplomatic recognition of Israel by the Vatican.

Nor were the Jordanians entirely happy about the speech the Pope made when he landed at Amman in which he quoted Psalms, stating that "He who would love life and see good days let him turn away from evil and do good, let him seek after peace and pursue it."

Although the context was universal, the Jordanians could not help but apply it to their own situation and interpret it as a slap on the wrist and a suggestion that it was about time the Arabs made peace with the Israelis.

The King again interpreted the Pope's universal remarks locally when in response to the Pontiff's parting appeal for peace he replied in effect, "Yes, peace, but peace with justice." King Hussein made the same point at a news conference before the Pope's arrival when he insisted that the hopes he held for peace and goodwill between Moslems and Christians could not apply to Israelis unless there were first a just solution of problems between Israel and the Arabs.

From the first King Hussein has interpreted Pope Paul's tour politically. He used it as the occasion to appeal to the conscience of the Christian world on behalf of the Palestine refugees displaced by the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 and on the issue of Israeli plans for diversion of Jordan River water.

These are a few comments only. They stress the importance of the Pope's visit to the Holy Land.

Khruschev to the Arab dictator: I'll support you against water for Israel. Just dance on my lap. . . Haaretz, Tel Aviv

ONLY IN AMERICA

by HARRY GOLDEN

THE WONDERFUL ITALIANS

Joe Valachi, the national stool pigeon, has worried some of the Italian organizations. His testimony implicated a great many criminals of Italian origin and decent Italians feared he would implicate the whole community. A New York radio station ran a program entitled, "The Slandered American," seeking to absolve honest Italians from grief and worry, and from guilt by association.

This is a needless worry, however. I never worry when a fellow with a Jewish name is involved in crime or corruption. Where would we be if each of us carried in our knapsack the burden for the entire race?

The fellows up in jail at Sing Sing are Italians, Jews, Irishmen, Poles, Negroes and Puerto Ricans for the simple reason that New York is where Italians, Jews, Irishmen, Poles, Negroes and Puerto Ricans live.

The fellows in the penitentiaries, prisons, road gangs, and county farms, in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Kentucky and what have you, are white Protestants and Negroes because this is where the white Protestants and the Negroes live.

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CANADA AND SOVIET JEWRY

by PAUL MARTIN

Following is the text of the speech made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin to the All Canadian Rabbinic Conference at the Jewish Community Centre, Ottawa, last week:

During the past few days the world has witnessed an event of really great historical significance. I refer to Pope Paul the Sixth's Pilgrimage for Peace through the Holy Land, during which he met and had discussions with President Zalman Shazar of Israel. During the Pope's visit to Israel for the first time since the beginning of Christianity there was a simple ceremony on Mount Zion to symbolize the solidarity of the reigning Pope towards the religion which was that of Jesus. During his trip to the Holy Land, the Pope met with Patriarch Athenagoras and this encounter between the spiritual leaders of 700 million Christians, the first time in over 500 years, is an event which, like the Pope's entire visit, is I am sure a harbinger of good tidings for peace in the world and will be welcomed by men and women whatever their religion or whatever their class or creed.

As I said recently in the House of Commons, there is a difference between a détente and a state of actual peace.

We should all welcome the fact that there is at the present time, since the Cuban crisis of a little over a year ago, a lessening of tensions between the Communist world and the West. There is presently, it would appear, a mutual disposition to try to eliminate possibilities of conflict and some evidence to suggest that, for a variety of reasons, the Soviet Union is desirous of improving its relations with the Western world. This most tangible expression of the present atmosphere was the signature last summer of the partial nuclear test ban treaty, a step important in itself but one which will, we hope, be only the first of a series of agreements which may eventually follow.

In our pleasure at having reached one area of agreement with the Soviet Union and at living in a period in which statesmen of the two groupings are talking to each other in more moderate tones, we should not forget that most of the major political problems remain unsolved. There is still a divided Germany and a divided Berlin, there are still many tensions throughout South East Asia; and still the prospects for any substantial progress in disarmament seem slight.

NO SHORT ROAD TO PEACE

I am under no illusions that the road to the attainment of real and lasting peace with the Communist world will be either short or easy and it is not made any easier by the Soviet leaders' continuing and frequent re-iteration of their belief in the ultimate victory of communism. But I think we must continue to do what we can to persuade the Soviets that it is in their real interests as well as ours to abandon their expansionist goals and to learn how to live with us as part of the world community.

One hopeful element in developments in the last few years in the Soviet Union has been the moderation of many of the tyrannical excesses which have marked certain periods of Russian history.

These excesses were at total variance with the Judaeo-Christian philosophy of respect for the individual which lies at the base of so much of our common culture. Despite serious setbacks, the free development of the individual, in all his variety, is one of the greatest achievements of the historical process of the last few hundred years.

Much has been done in the fight for human rights. However, much more remains. My country has expressed itself against deprivation. The right of every individual, whatever his race, colour, creed or nationality, to freedom to develop his own personality and to treasure his own values is steadily becoming more recognized in many areas of the world. However, there are still too many countries in which human rights and fundamental freedoms are denied and it must remain the primary objective of the international community and the civilized world to insure that all people have their fundamental rights to freedom.

MATTER FOR CONCERN

The treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union is but one example, albeit an important one, of the Communists' failure to rid themselves of attitudes and actions with respect to the individual which can only be considered backward and wrong.

The position of Jews in the Soviet Union is a subject which, in recent years, has increasingly engaged public attention and arouses concern throughout the world, in view of reports of discrimination and repression of religious practices. You will be aware that it has led to correspondence between the Canadian Jewish Congress and the government; that it has been the occasion of recent questions and comments in the House of Commons. I should like to add here that it was discussed eloquently by Marvin Gelber, the M. P. for York-South, in a speech on external affairs on December 21st. Less than two months ago a deputation of representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Labour Congress visited the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa to discuss this important subject. Trends in the USSR, including the treatment of minorities there, are the subject of intensive and continual examination within my own Department because the gradual evolution of the Soviet Union from a rigidly totalitarian, expansionist society toward a more open and freer society gives promise of gradually developing a confident basis for peace in the world community.

NO EXPERT

I would not set myself up, least of all before an audience of this kind, as an expert on the situation of the Jews in the USSR. However, let me touch briefly upon what I consider some of the essetials in the situation.

It is a fact that particularly in some areas of the USSR anti-Semitic feeling which have existed for centuries still exist, true not only in the Soviet Union. But it is also a fact that these feelings exist elsewhere and all countries should examine their own conscience and their own practices to see if injustifiable examples of anti-Semitism exist there. I find it difficult not to speak out against discrimination not only against the Jews but against any religious groups, including my own when I see areas where religious freedom does not exist.

I believe that it is a fact that in the USSR the observance of Jewish religious rites has met with increasing obstacles in recent years, from the closing of synagogues to severe restrictions on the training of rabbis to the cessation of the public baking of matzoh for use at Passover. It is sheer sophistry to point, as Soviet propagandists do for their own purposes, to a section of the Soviet Constitution as "proof" of the freedom of religious expression in the USSR; the persistent State campaign against religion, any religion, is the rebuttal of such assertions.

It is also a fact that Jewish secular life is subject to severe restrictions. The numbers of Yiddish plays performed, Yiddish newspapers, magazines and books published, are very low in proportion to the size of the Jewish population and to the similar facilities afforded other nationalities within the USSR. There is a strong pressure toward the assimilation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. It is probably stronger than that exerted on other non-Slavic nationalities which are not suspected, as are the Jews, of having international ties. But it is important to recognize that a general proces of Russification is taking place and is evident in many non-Russian areas.

Finally, it is a fact that in the Soviet reporting on so-called economic crimes, there have appeared a disproportionate number of Jewish names among the accused and among those receiving severe penalties, though penalties have been meted out to those of various other nationalities and faith as well. While the prominence given to Jewish names in the much publicized trials suggest at least a regime tolerated expression of anti-Semitism, the shocking severity of the penalties, reminiscent of pratices abandoned in most advanced countries a century or more ago, is perhaps a reflection less of anti-Semitism than of the deep disorders of the Soviet economy and of the lengths to which the Soviet leaders are prepared to go to meet these problems.

These are some of the facts which we can recognize. Other facts were pointed out in Marvin Gelber's recent speech in the House of Commons to which I referred earlier. There can be no doubt that this is a disturbing and a serious situation. Many Jewish people in the Soviet Union are being denied their fundamental rights and freedoms. I must also point out that other citizens of other races in the Soviet Union are also being denied these same basic rights. Although recent years have seen a welcomed trend towards a thawing out of some of the rigidities of totalitarianism in the Soviet Union, this trend has a very long way to go before it can in any sense be said that the Soviet Union has become a liberal or democratic society.

It should be recognized that just as in many countries of the world for many hundreds of years, the Jewish people have made distinguished contributions to the process of civilization, so too in the Soviet Union today the Jewish people are making contributions to Soviet society far in excess of their physical numbers. Although they constitute only 1.1% of the total population of the USSR, Soviet Jewry has made an outstanding contribution to the development of that country. The percentage of doctors who are Jews is 14.7%, writers and journalists 8.5%, lawyers, judges and prosecutors 10.4%, actors, musicians, artists and sculptors 7%.

Nonetheless discrimination exists against this gifted people in a number of areas. In practice entry into a number of important professions, including certain key government services, notably the diplomatic service and senior ranks in the armed forces, is largely denied to them, although in the 20's and 30's many of the most distinguished luminaries of the Russian diplomatic service were of the Jewish faith. I have already referred in my remarks to serious limitations which exist today upon Jewish freedom to practise their religion and to develop their traditional Yiddish culture

I have taken this opportunity today in speaking before this audience to assure you of my deep interest and the Government's interest in the position of Jews in the Soviet Union. I give you this assurance that the Canadian government is very much concerned with this matter and will continue to make known its feelings on this subject.

I have already found appropriate opportunities to let the Soviet authorities know of our deep and abiding concern for human rights for all peoples including the Jewish people within the USSR.

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SERMON OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS COURAGE?

Tomorrow's Torah-reading tells of the strange way in which the Israelites made ready for their exodus from Egypt. Each family had to take a lamb, prepare it for their last meal in Egypt, and sprinkle some of its blood on the doorpost of the house. Ostensibly, the blood was to serve as a sign for God's messenger to "pass over" the houses of the Israelites during the slaying of the Egyptian firstborn.

This regulation raises a number of problems. First, why was a lamb specified rather than any other animal? Secondly, why were the Israelites instructed to make a distinguishing sign on their houses only before the tenth plague and before no other? Finally, the procedure was surely quite unnecessary; for an omniscient God knows all and requires no outward sign to indicate an Israelite house.

The whole episode bristles with difficulties, and it is no wonder that the rabbis investigated beneath the words to discover the deeper significance of this biblical law. According to them the entire purpose of the regulation was to highlight the value of moral courage which is inspired by true religious faith.

It was the blood of the lamb which had to be sprinkled because, they say, in ancient Egypt the lamb was worshipped as a sacred animal. In carrying out the law, the Israelite had to show great moral courage in deliberately and openly rejecting the pagan immoralities of Egypt. Those who were afraid showed that they were still unworthy of the blessing of freedom. That is why the command came before the last plague, on the eve of the Exodus. The people had first to prove that they were ready for freedom, that they wanted to break the chains of slavery — not only of the physical slavery but also the slavery of fear and the bondage of Egyptian paganism.

Moreover, the sign was important, not for God — who needs no sign — but for the people themselves. With this single act of defiance they could prove to themselves that they had the courage to purge themselves from the evil influences of Egypt and that they were ready to face the adventure of spiritual freedom. The three questions which we posed before are now answered.

This old story holds a useful lesson for us for all time. We often associate courage with deeds of physical bravery, forgetting that its true essence is found in the mind, and is identified with what we call moral courage. If moral courage leads to acts of physical bravery, well and good. But often it finds no such outward heroic climax and therefore goes unnoticed. It is nevertheless real enough to liberate the spirit of man.

The Jew of our day who lives his Judaism openly and unapologetically needs that kind of moral courage. The Jew who lives almost alone in a non-Jewish neighbourhood and proudly fixes his mezuza on his front door, the Jew who asks his employer for release from work of Sabbaths and Festivals, the youngster who keeps away from school on holy-days, the Jew who is never afraid to maintain the noblest standards of religious loyalty even when he is almost alone — all these need moral courage. The business man who refuses to soil his reputation, the man or woman who insist on living by the highest standards of personal morality in the face of great temptation or popular opposition — all these need moral courage.

It needs moral courage to stand out. But without that spark of true freedom we remain unfit for redemption.

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by D. COHN

● A requiem written in Hebrew has won the City of Milan's first International Music Contest for a symphonic work, organized in conjunction with the administrators of the Scala Opera House. Composer is 36-year-old *Wilfred Josephs* of London, and the winning work is a 50-minute requiem for solo bass baritone, string quintet, double chorus and orchestra, using the Hebrew "Kaddish" as the text and composed in memory of the six-million Jewish victims of Nazism. The composition will be performed at La Scala during the 1964 opera season and also will be published by the Opera House administrators.

● Kiss Me Kate, the *Cole Porter-Sam & Bella Spewack* musical, opened in Rotterdam last week, its 18th foreign language production.

● *Peter Ustinov*, who wrote and starred in "Photo Finish," was in Istanbul where he saw a Turkish performance of his play. "It must be a terrible play," he said. "I didn't understand a word of it."

● *Kirk Douglas* plans to buy a home in Caesaria, Israel. It's near the sea and next to a golf course built by the Rothschilds.

● *Roxanne Gilbert*, a Negro model, was chosen Miss American Kosher Queen by a delicatessen manufacturer, according to *Samuel Schreig*.

● *Tony Curtis* will co-star with *Debbie Reynolds* in the film version of Goodbye, Charlie, the roles having been created on Broadway by *Sydney Chaplin* and *Lauren Bacall*.

● The first book about UN art, *Jacob Baal-Teshuva's* "Art Treasures of the United Nations," will be published next month. It includes ancient mosaic panels and works by Picasso, Matisse, Dufy, Leger, Feininger.

● *Jacques Lipchitz* is sculpting a bust of *Charles Revson*, head of Revlon.

● *Richard Condon* has written a novel, An Infinity of Mirrors, about the Nazi occupation of Paris.

● *Judge Proskauer*, who helped launch FDR's campaign, was asked about the state of his health. He said: "At my age, you lose one of two things — either your passion or your appetite. Well, I'm eating very well, thank you."

● *Larry Gelbart* is one of the team of *Gelbart-Shevelove — Sondheim*, which wrote, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. He wrote the story in conjunction with Shevelove; Sondheim wrote the music and lyrics. He was born 35 years ago in Chicago, where his father was a barber. He says, "I've never been to college, which is a pity. I feel I could have done with a better education, if only to help my kids with their school work." After awhile, his family moved to California, and while still at school, he began to write comedy scripts for radio and later television. In due time he joined the *Bob Hope* joke factory. He also worked for *Danny Kaye*.

Gelbart earns a lot of money. He and Burt Shevelove, his collaborator, are working on a new play. He does much traveling and his permanent base is in Ghent, a small town 150 miles from New York. He finds his friends among the town's farmers and tradespeople. He sent his children to the local Hebrew school and engaged a tutor to teach them at home. When asked what he did with his free time, he answered: "I have five kids. Does that answer your question?"

His father was born in Latvia and his mother in Poland, and Yiddish creeps frequently into his conversation, as does in the lan-

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A MOVING STORY

ADDING LIFE TO YEARS

After the death of his wife, Reuven S., a man who loved people, suddenly found himself completely alone. The year was 1962.

After a wait of eleven years he, his wife and two sons finally were allowed to leave Eastern Europe and establish a new home in Israel. Just one month in the new land, his wife became ill and died. The two sons "have their own troubles," Reuven observes sadly.

"The older one works as an unskilled laborer. With a wife and children to support he can hardly make ends meet. My other son lives in Tiberias. He is a waiter. The work is seasonal and he hasn't found himself yet. So I live here in a room given to me by the Jewish Agency."

Reuven's plight came to the attention of **Malben**, the welfare program operated in Israel by the Joint Distribution Committee on behalf of handicapped immigrants, with United Jewish Appeal funds. The social worker who visited Mr. S. invited him to take part in the day care program at the nearby **JDC-Malben** old age home.

Now, every morning at the stroke of 9, Reuvan S., aged 78, a tall, distinguished, neatly dressed man, comes through the gate of the **JDC-Malben** old age home in Safed. Here he has found new friends. He has also found work in the office and opportunity to develop his creative talents in the arts and crafts room. Most important of all, he has found a companionable community of people like himself, people finding new meaning in their advanced years.

Reuven is a university graduate and speaks several languages. For sixteen years he was his country's economic attache in Japan and Ceylon. Aside from his professional abilities, Reuven is an excellent artist, specializing in rug design. He has already sketched several colorful, original patterns and is anxious to sit down at the loom to work them out.

Malben had determined not only "to add years to life, but to add life to years." No longer lonely, Reuven now looks forward to each new day — to work on his rugs, to talk to new-found friends, to enjoy his new life.

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Alfred Drake, American actor, director and musical comedy star, has supervised the translation and subtitling of the show. The latter is the brain-child of producer Alexander Cohen.

● David Oistrakh and his son Igor will form a violin duo next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21st and 22nd, when they perform with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Walter Susskind, in *Massey Hall*. This will be David's third visit to North America, his second in Toronto. Igor, 32-years old, has also established himself, touring the world as an internationally acclaimed concert artist.

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Nephew Milty: "No, and I'll bet you didn't either."

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PREDICTION

"Dad," inquired the high school junior, "what can I do when a pretty girl keeps talking to me day after day in class?"

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"Well," replied papa. "You can have your seat changed, of course, but if she's like your mother, she'll get you in the long run, regardless."

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SIMILE

Bored girl: "You remind me of the ocean."

Boy-with-a-line: "On account of my being so wild, magnificent and romantic?'

Gal: "No, because you make me sick."

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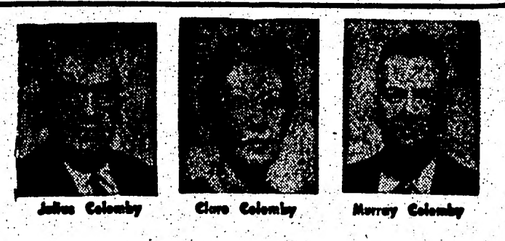

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"RELATIVES SOUGHT - APRIL, 1963"

1. MILLER, Helena, born in Ostrowietz, Poland, maiden name Kotowski, 39, presumably residing in Toronto, sought by Yanina Sitarska, nee Zak, now residing in Bledowo-Wewiorki, Poland.
2. KUYAWSKI, Benjamin, born in Lodz, Poland, arrived in Canada from Germany in 1950, sought by his friend, Kalmen Hentchinski of Yendrzejow, Poland, 64, son of Nusyn and Rachel, now in Israel.
3. SCHWARTZ, David, in Canada since 1948, born in Poland, 53, sought by his friend, Shmul Stortch, born in Lwow, Poland, 47, son of Isaac and Malka, residing in Toronto.
5. KATCHALA, Golda, nee Rutkowski, born in Kieltz, Poland or Krakow, Poland, daughter of Leibush and Gitel, presumably in Toronto, sought by her nephew, Pinia Wozowski, of Dallas, Texas.
7. LEVINE, Zalmen of Bialystok, Poland, may be residing in Canada or Chicago, his wife's name is Leah, a cantor, 68, has three brothers, David, Feivel and Mordche and sisters Malka, Zlata and Rachel, sought by his cousin, Chaskiel (Charles) Meltzer, son of Joseph-Arie and Rachel, born in Trestina, Poland, now residing in the Bronx, N.Y.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - MAY, 1963"

2. RUDMAN, Leibel and Shmul, arrived in Toronto from Poland in 1913, sought by their nephew, their sister's son, Gregory Tzitrin, who arrived in the United States from Poland. The Rudman or "Rodaman" brothers were poultry dealers and had several children.
4. BROCK, Zelig, born in Nisko, Poland, in 1912, married ,sought by his friend, Max Knopf an electrician born in Krakow, Poland, 53, now residing in New-Haven, Connecticut.
6. GOLDENBERG, Lupu, came from Zalzburg to Canada in 1946, a waiter, son of Joseph-Ber, sought by his cousin, Fzeiwish Rabinovitch, born in Stefanesht, Roumania, 50, son of Chaim and Haia-Ita, now in Israel.
7. ROSENTAL, Shimon, born in Wishlitze, Poland, son of Meilech, has two sisters, last known address was Dundas Street, Toronto, sought by his cousin, Shimon Rosental now in Zagania, Poland.
8. SHERF, Shika, son of Luzer, born in Kisele near Tchernovitz, a merchant, came to Canada from Israel ,is sought by a good friend of his, Israel Enzelberg, son of Bora and Rivka, 59, now in Israel.
9. KIRKOWSKI, Shlomo, born in Zamkowitz, Poland, son of Alter, in Canada since 1917, is being sought by his cousin, Shlomo Kirkowski of Tel-Aviv.
13. SCHWARTZ, Andrash, should be residing in Toronto, born in Ayad, Hungary, parents' names Matias and Agneta, sought by friend, Barbara Gadi of Toronto.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - JUNE, 1963"

4. GOLDOWSKI, a cantor, from Kotten-Anhalt, Germany, was in England in 1933 and left for Canada in 1934, sought by Aaron Tepich of Brazil.
8. FISH, Daniel, in Canada since 1935, 80 years of age, wife's name Chana, his daughter Zila and son Kahat are sought by their cousin Shneir Herenwort, son of Shlomo and Hindel, now in Israel.
9. FREILICH, Yeheskiel, married, in Canada since 1937, born in Lodz, Poland, 52, a merchant sought by his cousin, Daniel Constam, son of Moshe and Chaia, born in Warsaw, 55, now in Israel.
10. SAMET, Ben, of Detroit, is looking for Yakov Sharf, who came from Israel to Toronto, his wife's name is Genia and his daughter is called Shola.
12. ROSENBERG, Chaim (Harry), born in Horodnitcheni, Roumania, 62, son of Dov (Ber) and Ita, came with a sister Leah (Liza), a dental technician, sought by his brother, Moshe Rosenberg, now in Israel.
13. POZITSKI, Itzhak and Ester, born in Sosnowiec, Poland, in Canada since 1947, are sought by their friends, Bela Maman and her husband Rafael of Montreal.
14. POISNER, Meir, married, in Canada since 1921, 68, wife's name Annie, sought by his niece, Fani Fishman, daughter of Yosel and Tune.
15. BORNSHTEIN, Samuel, lived at 514 Manning Avenue, Toronto, came from Germany to Toronto in 1950, is sought by his nephew, David Rouso of Paris.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - JULY, 1963"

1. TCHUDNE, Gad, in Toronto since May, 1963, born in Israel, 27, his mother is a nurse in California and his father is still in Israel, sought by his friend, Anegi Obel, of Aruha, Uganda, now in Toronto.
2. TZIBIL, (Tzibuli), Gershon and Froim, came to Toronto from Brest-Litovsk, Poland, in 1927, sought by a cousin, Elke Heller, daughter of Avrum-Moshe and Sara, of New York.
3. STRAUCHER, Yonash, a physician, born in Warsaw, in Toronto since 1939, sought by his cousin, Regina Elami, nee Axelrod, 60, now in Tel-Aviv.
7. BAUMAN, Miah, born in Danzig, in Canada since 1946, has a daughter, Ruth and a son, Sami, sought by a friend, Margaretta Tsherk, Elmira, Ontario.
8. BARASH, Joseph, born in Met, Hungary, has a brother Dov and a sister Rachel, presumably residing in Toronto, sought by his uncles, Mikshe and Yeno Donet of Montreal.
12. HERSHKOVITCH, Betty, married, born in Piatra-Neamtz, Roumania, 43, has five children, Jeanetta, Chaim, Avrum-Hersh, Tovia and Chana, sought by a cousin, Jeanetta Leibovitch, now in Israel.
13. MALEK, Rivka, 45, born in Seshel, Maramuresh, Roumania, daughter of Mendel and Sarah Ovitch, sought by her brother, Fishel Malek of Montreal.
17. FREIBERG, or FREIGBERG, G., born in Kamenetz-Podolsk, Russia, 63, wife's name, Haika, sought by his sister, Ida Aronovitch, last known address 5160 Esplanade, Montreal.
19. OX or OKS, Roza, 50, born in Tarnopol, poland, a dressmaker, sought by her friend Ada Freedman, nee Hilman, now in Toronto. Roza's address in 1948 was 5250 Park Avenue, Montreal.
20. ZLOTNIK, Nehama, nee Schwartz, in Toronto since 1924, husband's name Avrum, sought by a friend, Tzivyah Fisher, nee Krinski, now in Toronto.
21. HERZBERG, Samuel, born in Lodz, Poland, 35, son of Mozes, mother's maiden name Zwolentchinska, sought by his brother, Izidor-Leibel Herzberg, now in Toronto.
22. HERZBERG, Kuba, 33, born in Lodz, sought by his brother, Izidor-Leibel Herzberg.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - AUGUST, 1963"

1. SHEINER, Tiborz, a physician, in Toronto, sought by Abraham Wolferer, now in Israel.
2. HINERMAN, Nina, in Toronto or Montreal, 40, born in Warsaw, Poland, her husband's name is Moshe they have two children, sought by friend, Elizabeth Konski, of Toronto, born in Warsaw, 51, the daughter of Meir and Leah Ogurek.
7. LADIN, Jack or Yankiel Lodzinski, 62, born in Kalarash, Bessarabia, Roumania, has a carpet factory, sought by his brother, Yidl Ladzinski now in Russia.
8. KAMENETZKI, Gabriel, last known address was Beatrice Street in Toronto, born in Droitetchin, near Pinsk, White Russia, 80, son of Menachem Kamenetzki, sought by his nephew, Misha-Yiser Kamenetzki, the son of Shimon and Doika Kamenetzki, now in Toronto.
11. HURWITZ, Rabbi Meir-David, wife's name Sarah, his children, Yakov, Endzel and Chawa (Eva), comes from Warsaw, 64, Pawia Street, resides somewhere in Canada, sought by Chana Steinhorn of Paris.
14. Weinberg, Boruch (Bernard), 55, born in Pabianice, Poland, in Canada for the last ten years, came from Brussels, sought by his nephew, Yakov Steinberg, son of Bernard and Tcharna, he was born in Brussels in 1923, now residing in Israel.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - SEPT., 1963"

2. FARKASH, Martin, born in Czechoslovakia, a salesman, in Canada since 1945, the son of Shaia and Fani ,has a brother Jacob and a sister, Rivka, sought by his niece, Elizabeth Lightman, nee Abraham, 40, daughter of Yakov, mother's maiden name Shpigel, her husband is called Charles and her son, Stephen-David, born in Tcherni-Arkov, Czechoslovakia, now residing in the United States.
3. BREIBERG, Yidel, 62, born in Kamenetz-Podolsk, Russia, a watchmaker, son of Aaron, last known address, 5160 Esplanade, Montreal, sought by B. E. Beloglovski, now residing in Oshawa, Canada.
4. MADVIK, Bella, nee Berkovitch, born in Galatz, Roumania, 70, daughter of Shimon and Chaia, sought by her nephew, Simon Biri (Berkovitch) who was also born in Galatz, 47, son of Abraham and Sophie Weinstein, now in Israel.
9. BORNSHTEIN or BORENSHTEIN, Pinkus, son of Zikiel and Marian, nee Reich, came to Canada from Bremenshaven the 15th of August, 1951, on the boat "Anna Salen" with his wife, Zina, 53, sought by Alter Beinter.
11. DAVID D. DAVIDOVITCH, his wife, Clara, children Tauba and Perele of Roumania, in Canada for 40 years or longer, resided on 224 Queen West, Toronto, sought by their friend, Mrs. Henry Knopf.

"RELATIVES SOUGHT - OCT., 1963"

1. Noiberg, Nathan, born in Piotrkow, Poland, visited Israel between 1948 and 1952, 35, sought by his friend in Israel, Israel Goldschlager.
2. FINKELSHTEIN, Nachman-Avrum, of Toronto, sought by his niece, Eva Waliana, daughter of Abraham and Leah, nee Finkelstein, now in Israel.
4. ROSENBAUM, first name unknown, came to Canada from Cuba, now presumably in Toronto, 53, born in Poland, has a brick factory, has three children, the eldest daughter is 15, sought by his friend ,Eti Ziegler of Toronto, born in Radautz, Roumania, daughter of Markus and Sophie Altkopf.
5. BOREK, Yakov-Hersh, born in Poland, son of Joseph and Sarah-Leah, residing somewhere in Canada ,sought by Mordche-Shlomo Kuperberg, born in the same city of Sobiero, Poland, who is his cousin.
6. MAZUR, Joseph, 50, born in Berezno, Poland, in Canada since 1933, a tailor ,sought by his brother, David, 48, now in Israel.
7. TENENBAUM, Sam, born in Sassow, Poland, 59, a merchant, in Canada since 1927, lived in Prince George town, not far from Toronto, in 1958, sought by nephew, Bronislaw Tenenbaum, born in Lwow, Poland, in 1919, now in Israel.
8. PSHITIZKI, Rachmiel, born in Lodz, 53, a shoemaker, son of Mordche (Motel) and Sheindel, nee Reitman, sought by a friend, Lipman Freedman, son of Israel and Rivka, now in Israel.
9. BAYER, Feiga, born in Kalarash, Roumania, 68, in Toronto since 1906, daughter of Itzhok and Beila, sought by her niece, Roza Furman, nee Wisotzki, 52, now in Israel.
12. GROSSMAN, Marian, born in Kalitzia, 48, in Canada since 1952, husband's name Simcha, sought by her cousin, Mozes Manwell, son of Mendel and Feiga, now in Israel.
13. EMSTER, Roza, born in Yasi, Roumania, daughter of Joseph and Fani, came to Canada from Israel in 1962, husband's name, Moshe, sought by her sister, Rachel Margulis, nee Israelevitch of Roumania.
14. MORA, Abraham-Yakov (Yankiel), son of Nuchim and Chana Mora, born in Skarzisko, Poland, April 4, 1922, resided on 54 - Tchetchego Maia Street, in Skarzisko, Province of Radom, was an upholsterer, butcher, and locksmith, had the number 84598 in Buchenwald Camp in 1944, sought by his mother, now in Toronto.

Rabbi Goldman at the B'nai Yeshiva Housing Project in Jerusalem

LEADER OF NEW ISRAELI PROJECT HERE

Rabbi Zvi Elimelech Goldman, executive director of the housing project for Yeshiva post graduates and Talmudic schdlars in Israel, now is visiting Toronto.

During a visit to the offices of The Canadian Jewish News, Rabbi Goldman, who is recommended warmly to us by Chief Rabbi Itzhaq Nissim and other Torah authorities in the Holy Land, explained to our reporter the purpose of his visit here.

"Everyone is aware of the problem of housing, and providing proper living quarters in the present building boom in Israel. It is true, the government has been trying its best on behalf of new immigrants. Still, the problem of Talmiday HaHamim and young men who devote their entire lives to the study of Torah largely is unsolved so far as their housing is concerned."

Rabbi Goldman told us that, because of the fact that these people are, thank God, parents of eight to ten children, their problem becomes especially acute. In some quarters of Jerusalem such a family consisting of parents and many children still must subsist in a dwelling of one, unhealthy, damp room.

Rabbi Goldman, a social worker in the Holy City, arrived here on the mission to acquaint our community with these conditions.

His undertaking — the housing project for Yeshiva post graduates and scholars — has been praised by such eminent leaders of Torah Jewry as the last Hazon Ish, the Brisker Rav, Reb Velvel Soloveitchick and others.

The emissary is especially proud of Rabbi Soloveitchick's endorsement of the project, of which the following is part:

Little girls in one of the Yeshiva Project houses.

"May my words inspire those possessed of a sensitive heart to help generously and with gladness this great undertaking. I personally cannot consider myself free from taking part in this great mitzvah."

In Toronto a committee is in formation which proposes to assist Rabbi Goldman to fulfill his mission. This consists temporarily of the following: Moses Buksbaum; Rabbi David Monson; Mordechai Morgan; Moshe Nussbaum; Rabbi David Ochs; Rabbi Abraham Parshan; Herschel Rubenstein; Juday Weinstock; Ernest Werner. Names of others will be published soon.

During his talk with our reporter, Rabbi Goldman also provided details about the technical workings in the assistance for the project headed by prominent rabbis in Israel.

The project is financed, he told The Canadian Jewish News, by the sale of shares to interested patrons. The families purchasing homes from the committee obtain them on a twenty-five-years' payment plan without interest; in turn, the repaid money again will be utilized for the building of new homes. The first 35 homes have been built from funds provided by Israeli subscribers.

Rabbi Goldman soon will address a select gathering of Torontonians in order to acquaint them with his project.

MARTIN ON RUSSIA

(Continued from page 4)

Another means which the Canadian Government intends to pursue in exhibiting our concern for human rights is by participating fully as a member of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which will hold its twentieth session in New York from February 17 to March 13 this year.

Two of the Commission's most important tasks will be the drafting of a Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and the drafting of a Declaration and Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance. I assure you that the Canadian delegation will be playing a very active role in the deliberations of the Commission on these items.

There has been some discussion about the desirability of a Parliamentary visit under the auspices of the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate to the Soviet Union. If this should eventuate, I would hope that this delegation might include men like Marvin Gelber who share our feelings on this subject.

It shoud be clear to all the world, including the Soviet Union, that we deplore and condemn discrimination in any country, in any form, on grounds of race or creed or colour or nationality.

The cause of human rights and human freedom is and must be indivisible. Let us not limit our concern just to anti-Semitism in the USSR, important and vital as that concern must be. Let us condemn vigorously all signs of discrimination, of failure to permit fundamental human freedoms, and of retrograde laws which grind down the individual anywhere in the world.

Condemn not just the restrictions on Judaism but the restrictions on all rights.

Condemn not just the paucity of Yiddish books printed but a censorship which deprives Soviet citizens of access to that full information about the outside world which alone can make for genuine understanding between peoples.

Condemn not just the large number of Jews convicted for economic crimes, but the very fact of the restoration of such severe penalties, including the death sentence for such offences as embezzlement, whereby the individual is treated as of less worth than the material goods which are meant to serve him.

Do these things and you will make a contribution to the cause of freedom and fundamental rights of all peoples everywhere where those rights and freedoms are not fully in existence.

Montreal Obituary

ARONOVICI, Toni, on Wednesday, January 1st, 1964.
BASS, Anne, on Saturday, December 28th, 1963.
FRANKLIN, Mary, on Saturday, December 28th, 1963.
FREEDMAN, Miriam, on Saturday, December 28th, 1963.
GLICKMAN, Dr. Harry, on Wednesday, January 1st, 1964.
ILLIEVITZ, Blanche Micheline, on Friday, December 27th, 1963.
LEVINE, Hyman, late of 4543 Hampton Avenue, on Tuesday, December 31st, 1963.
LIFSHITZ, Joseph, at New York.
RABINOVITCH, Zalik on Wednesday, January 1st, 1964.
SCHACHTER, Henze, on Sunday, December 29th, 1963.
WEINER, Freda, on Wednesday, January 1st, 1964.
FARBER, Rachel, on Friday, January 3rd, 1964
FINEBERG, Rochelle, on Monday, January 6th, 1964
FREED, Louis, on Tuesday, January 7th 1964
GROSS, Max, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1964
GYURIK, Max, on Thursday, January 9th, 1964
LEAVITT, Rose, on Sunday, January 5th, 1964, late of 3410 Atwater Avenue
LERNER, Shmiel, on Monday, January 6th, 1964
PELETZ, Harry, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1964
RAM, (Rann) Cherna Lapidus, on Wednesday, January 8th, 1964
SCHWARTZMAN, Julius, on Saturday, January 5th, 1964, late of 890 Dessane Avenue, Quebec City
TAGER, Edgar Morris (Moe), on Tuesday, January 7th, 1964
YELLIN, Rose, on Thursday, January 2nd, 1964

As we move forward into a year which offers some cautious promise for a reduction in world tensions and more concrete steps in the path of peace, our prime task should not be just the preservation of an easy detente and certainly it should not be just the acceptance of the Soviet version of peaceful co-existence connotating as it does a continuation of intense ideological, political and economic struggle. Our aim must be the attainment of a state of real peace in which no nation will feel its security and integrity imperilled by any means — military, political, economic, ideological or subversive.

Our prime concern as individuals should be that in the Soviet Union and in all countries of the world the individual should be able to pursue his own way of life and thought without fear of reprisal and without restrictions deriving from his race, colour, religion or ideology. Until that concern for the individual is achieved, the state of peace will remain precarious.

So I congratulate you on this Rabbinic Conference, for the concern you have shown here, for the fundamental human rights and values of your fellow Jews in another country. I assure you that I share your concern. The Government of Canada shares your concern. We have a total commitment to human dignity and human rights and individual freedom. Let us make clear that respect for the existence of these fundamental rights and freedoms is essential to the consolidation of peace and harmony among the nations of the world.

Dr. Nehemiah Robinson

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CJN) — The funeral took place here on Monday of Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of The World Jewish Congress. Dr. Robinson, a native of Riga, Latvia, died in Lakewood, N. J., on Saturday, aged 65.

His last essay on the gruesome story of Auschwitz appeared in The Canadian Jewish News on December 20th and 27th of last year.

FATHER WEIGEL

NEW YORK (JCNS) — The death occurred here last week, at the age of 57, of the Rev. Dr. Gustave Weigel, the Catholic theologian and advocate of the adoption of the Vatican schema on the relations between the Church and the Jews. His funeral took place on Tuesday and was attended by many prominent Jewish leaders.

Father Weigel had spent the last evening of his life with Rabbi Dr. Joshua Heshel.

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Avraham Sutzkever, celebrated Yiddish poet and writer now residing in Israel, will be guest of honor at Toronto Histadrut's fortieth celebration of the Histadrut Campaign in America, which will take place on Wednesday, January 29th, 8:00 p.m., at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Featured on the program are: Miriam Yakobi, Yemenite singer; Nahum Nardi, Israeli pianist-composer.

GREEK ARCHBISHOP HONORS THE MARTYRS

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — Archbishop Lakovos, the Greek Orthodox Primate of the Americas, representing Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople, visited the Chamber of the Holocaust last week.

Like Cardinal Tisserant two days earlier, Archbishop Lakovos lit six memorial candles, one for each million Jews killed by the Nazis.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

HOLY BLOSSOM

● The 1963 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Geldzaeler Award was given recently to **Eric Salsberg**, by **Mr. Sydney Harris.**

● Two teachers, **Miss Rebecca Gold** and **Mr. Joab Igra**, were among those honored recently at the 10th anniversary and Commencement Exercises of Hebrew Teachers' Seminary. Miss Gold received the B'nai B'rith Upper Canada Lodge prize.

BETH TZEDEC

● **Men's Club** annual donor dinner (for men only) takes place Wednesday, January 22nd. Grand prize is a Return Trip to Israel for Two.

● **Sisterhood** Judaism-In-The-Home Committee will tender the Oneg Shabbat-Havdalah Service tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. At 4:45 p.m., **USY** will perform Israeli folk-dancing. At 5:15 **Junior Congregation** choir will sing Sabbath songs. **Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg** will address the audience.

● A **USY** panel discussion will take place on: Inter-Dating, Sunday, January 26th, 7:30 p.m. Panelists will be **Dr. N. N. Levine, Mrs. J. Landau, Harvey Schipper, Esther Meyers;** moderator, **Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg.**

● The following are the newly elected officers of the Congregational School Student Council: **William Sklar,** president; **Mark Cosman,** first vice president; **Jonathan Fidler,** second vice president; **Dorith Cooper,** recording secretary; **Ann Clavir,** corresponding secretary.

● **Men's Club, Adult Education Program** for Men ad Women, will meet Monday, January 20th, from 8-10 p.m.

● **Men's Club bi-weekly noon study hour** will take place Thursday noon, January 23rd. **Rabbi Rosenberg** will speak on: Talmudic Ethics and the Contemporar Situation.

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA

● **Sisterhood** is having a paid-up membership supper on Monday, January 20th. **Mrs. Cy Loomes** is convener. New members will be formally welcomed.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

● At the **Brotherhood** breakfast club meeting on Sunday, January 19th **Mr. David Satok** will speak about his recent trip to Russia and Poland. Services commence at 9:40 a.m.

● **Sisterhood Study Group** meets Tuesday, January 21st, 9:30 a.m. A discussion will be held, led by **Rabbi Wurzburger,** on: Great Jewish Thinkers of the Century.

BETH TORAH

● **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will be guest speaker at **Beth Torah Brotherhood's** meeting. He will speak on: The Prophet of Nicandro.

● On Sunday, January 26th, **A. Alan Borovoy,** B.A., L.L.B., will address Brotherhood on: The Role of the Democratic Left in Canadian Politics.

● Spring term weekly Hebrew classes have started.

● The spring session of **Beth Torah Mixed Bowling League** started on Saturday, January 11th, 9:00 p.m., and will continue on alternate Saturdays.

Morning services take place

TORONTO OBITUARIES

COHEN, Benjamin. On January 4, late of 397 Dundas St.
RUSONIK, Benjamin. On January 10, late of 21 Silverton Ave. Services arranged by College Memorial Chapel, 331 College St.
BEALLAR, Archie. On January 11, late of 363 Shaw St.
BERMAN, Isaac. On January 7, late of 568 Lawrence Ave. W.
COHEN, Joseph. On January 5, late of 74 Spadina Rd.
COHEN, Sarah. On January 11, late of 1152 Bathurst St.
GREEN, Joseph. On January 11, late of 148 Vaughan Rd.
HANDELMAN, Jennie. On January 9, late of 69 Garthdale Court.
LANGBORD, Morris. A. On January 8, late of 339 Walmer Rd.
MADORSKY, Annie. On January 9, late of 384 Castlefield Ave.
NESBIT, Samuel. On January 10, late of 46 Rusholme Ave.
ROSEN, Louis. On January 6, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd.
ROSENBERG, Beatrice. On January 10, late of 2400 Bathurst St.
ROTFOGEL, Nathan. On January 9, late of the Jewish Home for the Aged.
SILVERSTEIN, Irving. On January 8, late of 18 Parkhill Rd.
STOLBERG, Goldie. On January 5, late of 467 Lawrence Ave W.
TURNER, Gertrude. On January 8, late of 76 Gloucester Grove.
WALLMAN, Charles. On January 6, late of 349 Spadina Rd.
WELSMAN, Isadore. On January 12, late of 335 Westmorland Ave.
YASSINOFF, Samuel. On January 8, late of 479 Lytton Blvd. Services arranged by Park Memorial Chapel, 508 Spadina Ave.

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AT ASSOCIATED GRADUATION — Forty-three students will receive their diplomas at the annual graduation exercises of Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools, which takes place in the auditorium, 3630 Bathurst Street, on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7:45 p.m. The above will preside at the Junior Day High School exercises: (From left to right) David E. Newman, Q.C., co-chairman, Board of Education, Associated Hebrew Schools; Mrs. Balfoura Gordon, chairman, General Studies Department, Board of Education, Associated Hebrew Schools, who will participate in the Exercises; Harold Dessen, C.A., co-chairman, Board of Education, Associated Hebrew Schools; Joseph Levine, president, Associated Hebrew Schools, who will deliver a message at the graduation.

MAINLY ABOUT WOMEN

By ESTHER ZELDIN

● **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shainhouse** tendered a cocktail reception in honor of **Dr. A. Altman**, Israeli delegate to the United Nations. A prominent member of the Herut movement, Dr. Altman is also vice chairman of foreign affairs of the Knesset. He was in Toronto on invitation of the **Beth Sholom Brotherhood.**

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● **Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg** delivered a lecture on: The Search for Jewish Identity in America — Where Are We Heading? following the **Beth Tzedec Sisterhood** adult education classes on Wednesday morning.

Sessions include: prayer book instruction, by **Eric Feldheim;** Torah study hour, by **Joseph Shoham,** the image of the Jew in modern literature, by **Adah Lappin.**

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● Hostesses at an executive meeting of **the Parents' Association, Toronto Hebrew Day School,** were: **Naomi Freudman; Helen Gross; Georgina Grossman. Lil Poss; Lil Shaul.**

Plans for the forthcoming Orange Festival Ball, to be held on January 25th, were outlined by **Lil Shaul.** Reservation convener is **Ruth Teitel** the ticket convener, **Freda Rubenstein.**

Other reports were delivered by: **Miriam Cass,** gift shop; **Helen Gross,** school crests; **Esther Cooper,** minutes. The meeting was presided by **Ida Starkman.**

Dr. Ben Schlessinger of the School of Social Work will be guest speaker at the general meeting Wednesday, January 29th.

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● More than $400 was raised by **Eglinton Chapter, B'nai B'rith** at a tea in the home of **Mrs. Murray Ehrlick.** Conveners were **Mrs. L. Frankel** and **Mrs. H. Ladowsky.**

Proceeds were in aid of the **Israel Soldiers Club in Elath,** which is supported by the B'nai B'rith Eastern Canadian Council lodges and chapter.

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● Divorce and the Modern Woman was the theme of an address by **Dr. B. Ludwig** at a meeting of **Club Masada, Pioneer Women,** in the home of **Mrs. Harry Shendelman.** Dr. Ludwig was introduced by **Mrs. Irving Hennick** and thanked by **Mrs. Irving Pustil.**

Reports were heard from: **Mrs. Jerry Ross,** Award Night on January 13th; **Mrs. Irving Pustil,** lecture series that commenced on January 6th. The meeting was conducted by **Mrs. Murray Fruchtman.** Co-hostesses were **Mrs. Hy Margolies, Mrs. Morris Karasik** and **Mrs. Jack Ziedenberg.**

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● Hanukah was celebrated recently by **Ziporah Chapter, B'nai B'rith,** in the home of **Mrs. S. S. Berlin.** The games featured prizes made and donated by the president, **Gerda Freiberg.** Candles were lit by **Mrs. I. Moranis** and **Mrs. S. Berlin.** New members of the group include: **Mrs. A. Rodda; Lillian Jacobson; Mrs. Herbert Orliffe; Mrs. E. J. Buckler, Sylvia Reislam. Mrs. S. Hanst.**

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● Hostesses at the **Beth Jacob Sisterhood's** annual Hanukah meeting were: **Mrs. G. Fisher; Mrs. B. Goldhar; Mrs. H. Goldman; Mrs. J. Goldman; Mrs. M. Greenberg; Mrs E. Greenberg; Mrs. J. Gross. Mrs. R. Herman; Mrs. L. Hoffman; Mrs. O. Eisenberg**

The Sisterhood will tender a Melava Malka, Saturday, February 8th. **Mrs. E. Bargman** is ticket chairman.

Conveners are Mesdames: **M. Klein, M. Moses, M. Kates, M. Greenberg, D. Freedman, L. Waxman, G. Cohen, W. Schwartz** and **J. Goldman.**

Psychology Mental Health and Torah is the subject of the adult lecture to be delivered by **Dr. L. Rotstein** on January 25th.

Other Sisterhood plans include a paid-up-membership supper on January 20th.

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● The weekly study sessions scheduled by the **Torath Emeth Sisterhood, Burnside Branch,** take place on Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m., 1344 Bathurst St. Lectures include: **Rabbi S. Jacobovitz; Rabbi H. Nussbaum; Rabbi M. Ochs; Rabbi J. J. Wohlgelerenter.**

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● **Mrs. Max Kurtz** was winner of a television set at a recent meeting of the **Elka Bornstein Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi,** in the home of **Mrs. Pearl Dover.** The meeting was conduced by **Mrs. Max Pearlman.**

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● More than 60 members of **the Hebrew Weston Sanitorium and Service Group** attended a Hanukah Party recently.

A Hanukah story was narrated by **Rose Blatt** and **Pearl Rubinoff.**

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● **Mrs. Jacob R. Bengio** was elected president of the **Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Sisterhood.** Other member of the new executive include: **Mrs. Jack Benlolo, Mrs. M. Benmergui,** vice presidents; **Miss Suzy Laredo,** secretary; **Miss Tere Laredo,** assistant secretary; **Mrs. Joe Bitton,** treasurer; **Mrs. Louis White,** assistant secretary **Mrs. Isaac Pinto,** telephone chairman. Other executive members include: **Mrs. Salomon Benzaquen; Mrs. Sam Krolick; Miss Camila Benmergui.**

The Sisterhood held a Hanukah cocktail reception recently in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Louis White.** Future projects include a Purim dance and a children's Purim festival.

PRESENTS SEFER TORAH — The following are shown at the presentation of a Sefer Torah ((scroll) for Israel, arranged by the United Organizations for Histadrut: (right to left) I. Shulman, president, Chenstochover Aid Society; M. Frank, secretary, Chenstochover Aid Society; I. Silver, Shaarei Tzedec; J. Chiechanowski, president, Lodzer Center; Victor Lefell, Shaarei Tzedec; Rabbi David Monson; S. Bierstone, Mezricher; Rabbi Langer; S. Osak, Shaarei Tzedec; Zvi Ferens, president, United Organizations; Kalmen Berger, chairman, Labor Zionist Movement.

TORONTO SEFER TORAH TO ISRAEL

A Sefer Torah (scroll), contributed by the Shaarei Tzedec Congregation for a Histadrut Shul in Israel, was presented at a meeting before an assembly of representatives of folk organizations in Toronto, which took place on Wednesday, January 8th. The meeting was called by the United Organizations for Histadrut. Mr. Zvi Ferens, president of the U.O.F.H., was chairman.

Mr. Isaac Epstein reported on the efforts being made by Toronto's Jewish community to combat antisemitism, Jacob Egit spoke about the project of building a vocational high school in Tiberias in honor of Senator David A. Croll. Rabbi David Monson told about his visit to Israel.

Mr. S. Bierstone, secretary of the United Organizations, stressed the fact that Histadrut in Israel participates actively in religious affairs; it builds synagogues and religious libraries.

During the ceremony of the presentation of the Sefer Torah, Rabbi David Monson pronounced the invocation. Mr. Z. Osak, representative of Shaarei Tzedec, spoke impressively before adjourning the meeting.

BAR MITZVAH

TERRANCE ALLAN, son of Anne Shapero and the late David Shapero, was called to the Torah at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Saturday, January 11th.

BIRTHS

GINSBERG — Harold and Myrna happily announce the birth of a daughter on January 8, 1964, at Women's College Hospital. A sister for Adam.

STEIDMAN — David and Eleanor (nee Miller) are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter on January 9, 1964, at New Mt. Sinai Hospital. Granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Steidman of Brantford. Special thanks to Dr. M. Miller.

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BY RUTHIE

Recently I came across an article which describes how Washington big-wigs impress each other. You can just about imagine how the under-under secretary envies the under secretary, how the under secretary eyes the secretary and how the secretary covets the position of the Big Boss.

It doesn't mean a thing if the fellow has a Cadillac at his disposal. That's a dime a dozen. The Mercury is what counts. And getting out of the car in front of a building is no *yikhuss* (prestige) either; the important thing is to be allotted garage space underneath.

Nor need you be impressed if you see an ordinary wastepaper basket in an office; the walnut one tells you who's who. Also, if there's a penholder for two pens on a desk — then you know that lucky someone in that office is a somebody.

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I guess it's only human to look a little higher.

I remember when I was a kid and we had just moved into a middle, middle-class neighborhood. The first time my girlfriend visited me, her eyes popped. She ran home and breathlessly sputtered.

"Ma, they have a living room!"

In Mitzi's home there was no living room. And who needed one anyway? People were very informal, and very hospitable. A cup of tea, soda crackers with jam, a bowl of fruit were always in order. So what purpose did a living room serve? To balance plates on you lap? A cocktail table was unheard of. And afterwards it took no time to clear off the surface of the dining table for a game of cards.

"Ma, and there's a Persian rug on the floor!"

Our status was established because of that rug. Of course, it was the domestic kind, but who cared? Covering the bare floors with anything was an undreamed of aspiration. It was *ooh-ha* if a room boasted a standard sized linoleum (referred to as oilcloth) which, I assure you, hadn't the remotest resemblance to the modern vinyl tile.

"And Ma, they have two bedrooms!"

So did Mitzi's apartment contain two bedrooms — but with a difference.

Two sufficed for us. Mama and Papa used one; May and I, the other.

But the Smilovitch family consisted of Mama, Papa and three offspring. The junior members caused the congestion. The two boys shared one bedroom. Poor Mitzi had to sleep on a folding bed in the dining room. Any wonder she envied me?

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When you're older and more sensible (presumably, you squash your envy with some consoling thought:

Who wants a fur coat anyway? You can always say yours is in storage. After all, nowadays everybody wears mink. And who wants to be like everybody? You want to be different.

Also, wearing one is not practical if you drive a car. You feel too bulky, you can't manipulate freely, the fur is perishable and you're rubbing off the seat. Nothing like a good, warm-cloth coat. So alright, you wear two sweaters underneath.

Diamonds? Who'd ever dream of owning such rocks? Nine times out of ten they're in the vault. Who sees them anyway? Consider yourself lucky if you possess a lone, microscopic, insignificant chip. You can feel safe walking in the dark. You don't have to be afraid you own anything that would tempt a crook.

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Montreal Women

By BLOSSOM E. CADER

● Plans have been completed for the **Greystone** women's annual bonspiel from January 20th to 25th. **Mrs. L. Goldfarb** is chairman. Rinks from 32 Montreal and district clubs will take part. Members of the committee are: **Mrs. M. Brownstein,** curling; **Mrs. S. Shuchat, Mrs. S. Kreisman** and **Mrs. H. Pantel,** hospitality; **Mrs. A. Tepner** and **Mrs. A. Blauer,** food arrangements; **Mrs. W. Gross** and **Mrs. W. Alexander,** prizes; **Mrs. S. Hitzig,** secretary and publicity.

● **Mount Royal Chapter B'nai B'rith,** held a general meeting January 15th. **George Cohen** was guest speaker. **Miss H. Harris** presided.

● **Diapason Temple, Pythian Sisters,** and **Lionel Kirsch Memorial Lodge, Knights of Pythias,** sponsored a party at the **Verdun Protestant Hospital** on January 13th. Gifts were presented to those having January birthdays; refreshments were served.

● **Reuven Tur-Ner** addressed the second report meeting of **Youth Aliyah** recently in Hadassah Hall. Objective of the campaign (from January 6th to 20th) is $175,000. The money will be used for 5,000 Jewish youth to Israel from Asia and Eastern Europe.

● **The Orah Chapter, Montreal Hadassah,** recently has elected the following new executive officers: **Mrs. Stefanie Schreier,** president; **Mesdames H. Dranger** and **O. Hamerman,** 1st and 2nd vicepresidents respectively.

● **The Priscilla Rosner Chapter, Montreal Hadassah,** will hold a dessert luncheon for special Youth Aliyah donors of $25 and over on January 20th at the home of **Mrs. M. J. Raff.**

● The women's group of **Congregation Shomrim Laboker Beth Yehuda and Affiliated Congregation Shaare Tefillah** held its annual Give-or-Get donor dinner, January 15th in the Synagogue. **Mrs. Hyman Pecker** was convener.

● **Margaret E. Cameron,** investment counsellor and financial analyst, was speaker at the meeting of the **Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 1091, B'nai B'rith Women,** on January 8th. **Mrs. Arnold Nussbaum,** president, presided.

● **The Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish General Hospital** held its annual meeting on January 8th. **Mrs. Bernard Lande,** president, presented the reports; **Mrs. Henry Baron,** chairman of the nominating committee, presented the new slate of officers. Highlighting the program was a recital by **Norman Borenstein,** 16, and **Joyce Borenstein,** 13. **Charles Reiner,** Montreal pianist, introduced the artists.

● **Montreal Menorah, Chapter 717,** were hostesses for the annual **B'nai B'rith Women** public speaking contest which was held recently at **Hillel Foundation. Mrs. Stanley Pinkus** was in charge of the arrangements.

● **Mrs. Harry Halton** has been appointed chairman of the eighth annual **Women's Community Conference** which will be sponsored by the **Women's Federation of Combined Jewish Appeal** on April 28th.

● **Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel L. Davis** and **Mr. and Mrs. David Rivlin** were guests of honor at the formal ball to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Temple Beth Sholom on January 11th at the Temple Community Hall. Rabbi Davis conducted the inaugural service at Temple Beth Sholom 10 years ago. Mr. Rivlin is Israeli Consul General for Canada. One of the features of the ball was a series of short skits illustrating the highlights of the Congregation's history. Board members and executive of the Temple performed.

● Recently elected members to the executive of the campaign committee of the **Women's Federation of Combined Jewish Appeal** are: **Mrs. Theodore Lande,** vice chairman; **Mrs. Gerald Caplan,** secretary; **Mrs. David L. Nadler,** honorary chairman; **Mrs. Cecil Pascal,** chairman; **Mrs. Alan Finestone,** vice chairman; **Mrs. Stanton Friedman,** secretary; **Mrs. Jack Cummings,** vice chairman.

● **The Shaare Zedek Sisterhood** held a food fair and Israeli food demonstration on January 8th at the synagogue auditorium. **Mrs. M. Cracower** was convener; **Mrs. B. Manis,** co-convener.

the lively arts

● By D. COHN

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guage of anyone involved in American show business.

"The New York theater," he said, "is dominated by Jews and homosexuals." Having suggested to him that a handicap could be an impetus in life, he said: "I agree, but of the two, I'd rather be a Jew."

● A fire hazard warning is required by law in off-Broadway theaters. Songwriters *Barry Alan Grael* and *Richard Chodosh* decided to add some spirit to the letter of the law. They've sugar-coated the warning by setting it to music and having three costumed actresses sing it before each performance of The Streets of New York.

● People is Israel's kibbutzim are keen consumers of the products of the arts; but they also create their own art. Today there are theatrical troupes, a symphony orchestra, chamber music groups and a film-making team in the communal settlements.

● *Bethsabee de Rothschild,* of the French division of the banking family, lives in Manhattan with her husband. She has three enthusiasms: *Israel, Martha Graham and modern dance.* Her Rothschild Foundation in 1964 will bring all three values together in one project: the introduction of seven men and nine girls from Israel into the dance techniques of Miss Graham. The dancers will come to New York for several months of training in the Graham repertory. Thereafter, Israelis will tour Europe presenting modern dance germinated in Manhatan.

● Israel's board of censorship decided to ban public showing of *Ingmar Bergman's,* The Silence, unless the distributor agrees to cut three scenes in it.

● Illness has forced *Spencer Tracey* to withdraw from the cast of "Cheyenne Autumn. *Edward G. Robinson* replaces him.

● *Richard Rogers* is expected to write at least one new song for 20th's film version of Sound of Music.

● *Dianhann Carroll* just has been discharged over the weekend from New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital after an attack of meningitis.

HARRY GOLDEN

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The Italians have nothing to worry about and even less to apologize for. Most of our civilization began in the Italian boot, particularly law, engineering, and art. Moreover, that boot had produced some of the kindest people in the world.

Therefore, let us not dignify the slurs of Valachi. This too will pass. During the early years of this century the newspapers always identified a criminal by his religious and racial origin. Curiously, this was never done with bank embezzlers who invariably belonged to the surrounding majority.

The efforts of Stephen Wise, Jacob Schiff, and Felix Warburg eventually discouraged this practice, with respect to the Jews.

But of us all, the American Negro has had the worst of it. For many years most Southern newspapers kept an old reporter going through the bulldog edition with a fine-tooth comb to make certain the name of a Negro did not appear on the same line of type as the name of a white. He also saw to it there was no accidental "Mr." or "Mrs." in front of a Negro's name. His biggest headache, of course, was in the obituaries. A deceased white designated as a Negro was enough to put most newspapers out of business through libel suits.

There were banks in the deep South which kept two sets of address plates: one for white depositors with a Mr.", "Mrs.", or "Miss," as the case might be, and one for colored depositors with no "Mr.," Mrs.", or "Miss."

It is possible that some of the banks and mail-order houses still maintain two separate sets of plates. But the old reporter, reading over the bulldog edition has long since retired for good although through most of the South the suffix "Negro" is still widely used, especially when the news item concerns the commission of a crime.

No such humiliation in America has ever been appended to Italians or for that matter other immigrant groups. The Negroes, however, still have a tough fight ahead. And the Italians never really had anything to worry about, certainly not with the memory of Enrico Caruso and the invention of spaghetti to back them up.

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